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REMARKS

Claims 16, 25, and 35 have been amended pursuant to Applicant's telephone interview with the Examiner on July 21, 2008. In particular, as discussed during the interview, Applicant has amended the term "comprising" preceding the recited steps of the processes, to "consisting essentially of", as well as added a step for removing excess aluminosilane not bound to the modified support, and drying the modified support. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout Applicant's specification, including page 8, lines 25-32 in the WO publication.

The amendments herein do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments.

1. Telephone Interview

Applicant kindly thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview of July 21, 2008, in which the merits of the current Office Action were discussed. Pursuant to the interview with the Examiner, Applicant has amended claims 16, 25, and 35 to remove the term "comprising" preceding the recited steps of the currently claimed processes, as well as added a step for removing excess aluminosilane not bound to the modified support, and a drying step to dry the modified support.

In light of the amendments submitted herein, as well as Applicant's comments and amendments previously submitted on May 28,

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2008, Applicant respectfully believes claims 16-44 are allowable. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the current rejection, and allow all claims pending in this application.

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CONCLUSION

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Based upon the above remarks, the presently claimed subject matter is believed to be novel and patentably distinguishable over the references of record. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all rejections, and allow all pending claims 16-44. Favorable action with an early allowance of the claims pending in this application is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned practitioner if she has any questions or comments.

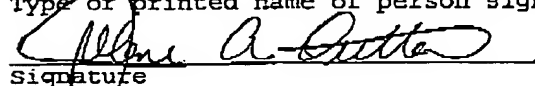
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